

ORGY OF MONEY WASTE AS ADMINISTRATION DIES

Wild Extravagance in New York as Tammany Sees Grip Failing

New York, Dec. 25.—During the past six weeks New York has witnessed an orgy of municipal expenditure such as probably never has been beheld in any city in the world before. This is not because the city legislators have suddenly gone mad like some of the Roman emperors whom they appear ambitious to excel, nor is it that Father Knickerbocker has added to his usual extravagant habits so far as expenditures are concerned. The explanation is found in the desire of the dying Tammany Hall administration, confronted by the prospect of four lean years, to make as big a "clean-up" as possible, to award as many contracts and authorize as many schemes for the expenditure of city funds as possible through its faithful henchmen. Since election day the city funds appropriated for various purposes have amounted to \$5,000,000 or at the rate of nearly \$2,000,000 for each business day. In addition it is reported on good authority \$15,000,000 more is scheduled for appropriation before the end of the year. Contracts involving \$40,000,000 have been let and this amount will be increased by an equal sum if the nerve of the dispensers of city funds holds out. With the patronage of the city departments cut off Tammany must depend on the holders of city contracts to supply places for its followers and it evidently intends to make the opportunities in this direction as numerous as possible. The reckless piling up of the city's debt has called out many protests, including one from Mayor-elect Gaynor although he was elected to office on the Tammany ticket.

What is said to be the highest price ever paid for land in the history of the world was recorded here this week when the northwest corner of Wall and Nassau streets was sold for \$1,500,000. This was exclusive of the skyscraper which occupies the site and for which an additional \$1,500,000 was paid. As the lot contains about 825 square feet this price represents a rate of \$822 for each square foot of the land alone. What this figure really means may be better understood when it is computed that if the ground area were covered with silver dollars these would need to be stacked fifteen feet deep to equal the purchase price, or, if they were stretched out in a single row would extend for forty miles. The corners formed by the junctions of Broad and Nassau streets with Wall have long been recognized as the most valuable in the city. This is the very heart of the financial district. One corner is occupied by the sub-treasury, another by J. P. Morgan & Company, a third for New York realty after it changed hands about fifteen years ago for \$325 a square foot, and the fourth is the one that has just been sold. The highest price previously paid for New York realty was \$700 a square foot, the corner of Wall and Broadway. In view of the rate at which property in this section is advancing it seems likely that the prediction that it will be necessary to pave land in New York's financial section with twenty-dollar gold pieces in order to own it will be realized within another five years.

In spite of the fact that nearly all of the manufacturers of automobiles have enlarged the capacities of their plants and expect to turn out in the aggregate between 150,000 and 200,000 American cars next season, there will be a shortage in the country at large of 75,000 automobiles during 1910. In other words this number of persons who desire to own motor cars will be forced to postpone the realization of their ambition until another season. This at least is the estimate of one of the leading men in the automobile trade who has just returned from a trip which covered nearly every state in the Union. The greatest majority of would-be purchasers are seeking cars for pleasure purposes so that no particular hardship will result from the deferring of their hopes, but in the case of trucks and other motor vehicles demanded for business purposes, a considerable loss will result from the inability of manufacturers to keep pace with the demand. The west is now buying more automobiles than the East, according to this authority, and is insisting upon high-grade cars. Some manufacturers who shipped large numbers of low-priced cars into the middle west thinking that these cars would find a ready sale there have been forced to reship them to eastern towns and cities where they have been sold.

New York has a mystery which thus far the city's most expert statisticians have failed to solve. It is found in the figures of travel between Manhattan and Brooklyn. According to these official

figures approximately half a million persons cross by bridge and ferry from the Long Island borough to Manhattan Island every day. But—and there is where the mystery begins—the number returning from Manhattan to Brooklyn is less by about 3,500 each day. As the report is based on actual count its accuracy can hardly be questioned and yet it is obvious that if the borough of homes really were losing its inhabitants at the rate of 3,500 a day, it would be depopulated within a year and a half. There must be some explanation of this baffling condition of affairs, but thus far it has not been forthcoming.

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Life 100,000 Years Ago.

Scientists have found in a cave in Switzerland bones of men, who lived 100,000 years ago, when life was in constant danger from wild beasts. To-day the danger, as shown by A. W. Brown of Alexander, Me., is largely from deadly disease. "If it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery, which cured me, I could not have lived," he writes, "suffering as I did from a severe lung trouble and stubborn cough." To cure Sore Throats, Colds, Obsolete Coughs, and prevent Pneumonia, its the best medicine on earth. 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed by All druggists. Trial bottle free.

NOR RACES ON THE BEACH, SAYS SENATOR W. J. MORGAN

Senator W. J. Morgan, the well known auto race promoter, tells the New York papers that the famous Ormond-Daytona Beach races in Florida will not be held next spring, and it is also stated on good authority that Savannah will make no attempt to hold an international race.

The Senator says that while all the world's records, from one to three hundred miles, with the exception of the kilometer record, were made at Daytona-Ormond beach, and he would like to see another race there, the expense is too great to saddle on a small town like Daytona, without any help from the railroads and steamship companies, which have never contributed a dollar, although they derived the greatest profits from these events.

Then, too, the Florida East Coast Automobile Association, which has raised something like \$50,000 during the past seven years for the promotion of the races, is a unit in the belief that it has gone far enough, and the board has declined to have anything more to do with financing the project. Daytona News.

Sees Mother Grow Young.

"It would be hard to overstate the wonderful change in my mother since she began to use Electric Bitters," writes Mrs. W. L. Gilpatrick of Danforth, Me. "Although past 70 she seems really to be growing young again. She suffered untold misery from dyspepsia for 20 years. At last she could neither eat, drink nor sleep. Doctors gave her up and all remedies failed till Electric Bitters worked such wonders for her health." They invigorate all vital organs, cure Liver and Kidney troubles, induce sleep, impart strength and appetite. Only 50c at All druggists.

Sanford Drainage District.

Truck growers in the Lake Monroe and Jessup region, near Sanford, petitioned the county commissioners to establish a drainage system covering the delta and comprising nearly 10,000 acres. The estimated cost is about \$77,000, but the drainage will also benefit about 25,000 acres of additional land. The contract has been awarded to J. E. Pace of Sanford and the work is expected to be completed within two years.

PROTECTION OF CITRUS TREES FROM DROUGHT

(By B. F. FLOYD.)

During the last month (November), the drought has been causing damage to citrus groves in different parts of the State. Some groves, however, are being irrigated, and in other groves different forms of mulch are being used to conserve the moisture. But, in too many cases, the growers have been leaving their groves alone, hoping for the rain that was long in coming. As a result bad conditions have developed.

Results of Lack of Water.

The leaves and small branches have withered; the fruit has become stunted and in some cases is falling, and the trees being weakened generally, are in a condition to be further injured by disease such as wither tip, and the stem-end rot which has caused the loss of much fruit. Another result of the drought is a splitting of the fruit. The poor supply of moisture has allowed the fruit to mature its rind, more or less. With an increased supply of moisture, the interior makes a more rapid growth, and the resulting pressure causes the splitting.

It is well known that the citrus tree is giving off moisture all the time. The under sides of the leaves, the green stems and the fruits are covered with minute openings, known as stomates or breathing pores. These are so constructed that the state of the plant controls their opening and closing. It is through these that the water vapor passes out, and the exchange of gases between the air and the plant occurs. In time of drought, these openings close more or less, so that the amount of moisture given off nearly corresponds to the amount supplied by the roots. During and after wet weather, the openings will be wide open, and large amounts of water will be given off. Experiments with different kinds of fruit have shown that the leaves of fruiting trees may draw upon the fruits for moisture in case the tree is suffering from lack of water. This accounts for the stunting and dropping of the oranges during the late drought.

Mulching.

The question uppermost in the mind of the fruit grower who has no irrigation is how to conserve the moisture in his grove. Without irrigation, the grower must resort to some form of mulch. This may be either a dust mulch, or a mulch of dead weeds, grass, vines, leaves or moss.

To obtain a dust mulch the grower plows under the grass and weeds, and follows this with shallow cultivation once every week or two during the dry weather, and if possible after each shower. On April 18 and 24, 1908, the Experiment Station made a determination of the differences in the moisture contained in cultivated and in uncultivated land. The determinations were made for each foot, to the depth of four feet. It was found that there was a difference of 175.2 tons of water, equivalent to one and a half inches of rainfall, in favor of the cultivated land. In groves suffering from a lack of moisture, a dense growth of weeds and grass should not be allowed, because these plants are continually pumping from the soil the water that should be conserved.

The other system of mulching is that of covering the ground around the trees with large quantities of vines, moss, leaves, weeds, or grass. This not only protects the soil from drying out, but also provides material from which humus may be formed. It has been found that where soil contains plenty of humus, less cultivation is required. In case young trees are beginning to show the effects of the drought before the mulch has been applied, it may be profitable to moisten the soil around the trees just before applying the mulch. During the late drought, young citrus trees on the Agricultural Experiment Station ground which were beginning to wilt were given a few buckets of water and mulched with moss and vines. They immediately revived, and have since showed no sign of wilting.

There are objections to both of these methods. In the fall of the year, if a rain should occur, the plowing under of the weeds and grass and the subsequent cultivation may cause the trees to put forth new growth. This may prove disastrous if cold weather comes on before the growth has had time to harden. The objection to the other system of mulching is that the mulch being dry would easily catch fire from a lighted match dropped accidentally, a cigar stub, or a wad from a discharged gun. But if the grower does not have irrigation, and would conserve the moisture in his soil, he must resort to one or both of these methods.—Bulletin No. 135.

ONLY A GOVERNOR.

Governor Gilchrist Tells a Good Story on Himself.

Governor Gilchrist of Florida, who was one of the many Governors accompanying President Taft on his recent trip down the Mississippi, has discovered a new definition which he will endeavor to have placed in all of the standard dictionaries. Here it is: Governor—A small potato.

"At Cape Girardeau I got off the St. Paul expecting to accompany President Taft to the State Normal School," he said.

"A long line of automobiles was drawn up in the main street and I expected to ride in one of them."

"Guess you can't," said my escort, a member of the local reception committee.

"Why?" I asked.

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